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Letter provides I.U. more information on CIA research

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A letter received last week by I.U. officials from the CIA confirmed the agency secretly paid an I.U. sociology professor to conduct behavioral research at I.U. during the early 1960s.

In addition, the letter said the agency sponsored research in the University's library system. But the letter gave no details of any of the research or any of the researchers.

The two projects apparently were the only research at I.U. sponsored by the CIA, according to the letter.

In mid-August, I.U. officials were informed that I.U. was among 44 colleges and universities where the CIA secretly sponsored research during the 1950s and 60s.

Last week, a Washington, D.C. public interest group obtained "sanitized" documents from the agency which said the agency paid a former I.U. professor more than \$6,000 to study the influence of television

on children's views of job prestige.

The professor, Melvin L. DeFleur, has said he was unaware at the time of the research that the CIA was paying for it.

His research was funded by the CIA through the Human Ecology Fund, a New York-based research foundation no longer in existence.

The letter received by I.U. officials Monday apparently did not give nearly as much information about DeFleur's research as the documents obtained by the Washington group.

The letter sent to I.U. said the University could request more information from the agency about the research conducted here.

University Counsel Cliff Travis said Monday he was unsure whether the University would request further details. The University two weeks ago sent a letter to the agency asking for more information about the research.

Other I.U. officials could not be reached for comment Monday.